

Proposed claims
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122. A method for attenuating the expression of a target gene in a cell, the method comprising contacting an embryonic zebrafish, chick or murine cell with a double stranded RNA (dsRNA) in an amount sufficient to specifically attenuate expression of the target gene, wherein one of the strands of the double stranded RNA is capable of hybridizing to the target gene in vitro in 400mM NaCl, 40mM PIPES pH 6.4, and 1mM EDTA, at 50°C.

123. The method of claim 122, wherein said dsRNA has a length of less than about 200 bases.

124. The method of claim 122, wherein said dsRNA has a length of about 25 bases.